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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JA, US

SUBJECT: US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS

REF: TOKYO 13393

1. FOREIGN OFFICE COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA TOPICS ARE HELPFUL, AND WE WILL DEVELOP OUR PAPERS WITH THEIR COMMENTS IN MIND. WE AGREE THAT LIMITING TOPIC THREE TO TRENDS AND ISSUES IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA (THUS EXCLUDING LATIN AMERICA) WILL SHARPEN THE FOCUS. WE DO HOPE THE DISCUSSION WILL PERMIT SOME EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE GENERAL POLITICAL THRUST AND DIRECTION OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE. AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION HAS, OF COURSE, BEEN A KEY AXIS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT FOR SOME YEARS. THUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE TWO AREAS WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR NAM COOPERATION ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES.

2. MATANO'S SUGGESTION (PARA. 2 OF REFTEL) FOR AN INITIAL HALF HOUR REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND PRIORITIES IS  
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UNCLEAR. IS HE PROPOSING A SINGLE, BRIEF, DISCRETE

PRESENTATION BY EACH SIDE AT THE START OF THE TALKS? OR IS HE SUGGESTING THAT WE BEGIN EACH TOPIC WITH A LISTING OF THE

KEY ISSUES WE ANTICIPATE IN THAT PARTICULAR FIELD? IF HE INTENDS THE FORMER, WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME? THE NEXT YEAR? THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS? IN THE PAST THE DELEGATION LEADERS HAVE NORMALLY OPENED THE DISCUSSION WITH SOME GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT KEY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST SESSION. WE COULD UTILIZE THESE INITIAL TOURS D'HORIZON FOR A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF THE MAJOR ISSUES WE EXPECT TO FACE IN THE COMING YEAR. BUT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A 15 MINUTE PRESENTATION THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE IN VERY BROAD BRUSH TERMS; THE "ITEMIZING AND IDENTIFYING OF ISSUES IN ORDER OF PRIORITY" WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AT A HIGH LEVEL OF GENERALITY; AND IT MIGHT BE VERY DIFFICULT TO AVOID DRIFTING INTO A MUCH MORE EXTENDED DISCUSSION. AN ALTERNATIVE OCCURS TO US ON WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME MATANO'S REACTION. IN THE PAST WE HAVE GENERALLY RESERVED AN HOUR OR TWO AT THE END OF THE SESSION FOR "FREE DISCUSSION." WE COULD RESERVE PART OR ALL OF SUCH A SESSION THIS TIME AS AN OCCASION FOR SHARING VIEWS ABOUT THE KEY POLICY ISSUES AND PRIORITIES WE EACH FORESEE OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO. THIS WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF LEAVING THE BROADER QUESTIONS FOR LAST WHEN THEY COULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE LIGHT OF MORE DETAILED TREATMENT OF MAJOR RELATIONSHIPS AND PROBLEM AREAS. WE COULD ALSO ALLOT SOMEWHAT MORE TIME TO THE EXCHANGE, AND COULD CAPITALIZE ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF INFORMALITY WHICH DEVELOPS IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS. AS FOR SUBSTANCE, WE COULD OUTLINE IN A TENTATIVE WAY PRIORITY FOREIGN POLICY TASKS FOR THE NEXT US ADMINISTRATION; FONOFF PARTICIPANTS MIGHT DO SAME FOR PERIOD FOLLOWING THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS IN JAPAN.

3. EXCHANGE OF PAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 27 IS AGREEABLE. WE WILL PLAN TO CABLE PAPERS TO EMBASSY TOKYO BY THAT DATE.

4. EA AS WELL AS S/P HEARTILY ENDORSE THE SUGGESTION FOR EMBASSY TOKYO PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS. EA/J DISCUSSED THIS MATTER BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR HODGSON WHEN HE WAS IN TOWN. WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF TOM SHOESMITH COULD FIND CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TIME TO JOIN IN THE TALKS; EA PREPARED TO MAKE TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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